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REMARKS

Claims 4-11 and 15-18 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-3 and 12-14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 4 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has rewritten claims 4 and 15 in independent form, therefore, Applicant request that these claims be allowed.

Claims 5, 6, 8 and 10 have been amended such that they now depend from claim 4. In Therefore, they should be allowable based on their dependence from claim 4. In addition, claims 7, 9 and 11 should be allowable based on their dependence from claim 4.

Claims 16-18 have been amended such that they now depend from claim 15. Therefore, they should be allowable based on their dependence from claim 15.

New claims 19-33 have been added to further define the scope of Applicant's invention.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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